

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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September 20, 2011

Mr. William Lowe Citizens Against Legalizing Marijuana, A Committee Against Prop. 19

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Mr. Scott Chipman
Citizens Against Legalizing Marijuana,
A Committee Against Prop. 19

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Advisory Letter Re: FPPC No. 11/648; Citizens Against Legalizing Marijuana, A Committee Against Prop. 19; William Lowe, Scott Chipman, Respondents

Dear Messrs. Lowe and Chipman:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the Act) found in Government Code Section 81000, et seq. As you know, we recently received a complaint against the committee alleging campaign reporting violations.

The Act provides that campaign committees shall disclose contributions and expenditures on a periodic basis on campaign disclosure statements. (Section 84211.) Specifically, the Act requires with regard to a contribution of \$100 or more that the contributor's occupation and employer be reported. (Section 84211(f).) Additionally, a contribution received from a joint checking is to be attributed to the spouse who signs the check. (Regulation 18533.)

In response to a letter from the Commission's Enforcement Division requesting you amend the committee's campaign statements, you met with Commission staff on August 23, 2011 and filed those amendments on September 6, 2011.

If in the future should you have any questions concerning the manner to report contributions or expenditures, it is recommended that you contact the Commission's Technical Assistance Division for assistance.

Additionally, the FPPC publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the Act. If you need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the FPPC's Technical Assistance Division at (916) 322-5660, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please also visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact us at (916) 322-5660.

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